

CAPSULE SUMMARY  
Ott's Market (CH: 575)  
10965 Berry Road  
Charles County, Maryland

Whyte's 228 Market, formerly known as Ott's Market, illustrates trends in commercial development that were occurring in Charles County during the second quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. There is a paved parking lot at the front and the rear yard is enclosed with fencing. Constructed in the 1940s, the market is one-story in height and three bays in width. Set on a concrete foundation, the building was reclad in asbestos shingles. It is topped by an asphalt shingled, hipped roof from which a central interior chimney rises. The southeastern portion of the building is comprised of a 1970s addition that is used as residential space.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Ott's Market

common/other name Whyte's 228 Market

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2. Location

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street & number 10965 Berry Road not for publication     

city or town Waldorf vicinity      state Maryland code MD

county Charles County code 17 zip code 20603

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☒ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes      Name of Listing       
No X

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: Specialty Store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: Specialty Store  
DOMESTIC Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow/Craftsman (vernacular)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Solid: Parged Concrete

Roof Hipped: Asphalt Shingle

Walls Frame: Asbestos Shingle

other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Commercial  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance 1940-1950  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Significant Dates c. 1940  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
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Cultural Affiliation Undefined  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Architect/Builder Unknown  
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Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Carley, Rachel. *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1994.

Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985.

Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property .50 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 10965 Berry Road is designated as Parcel 590, Grid 7 as indicated on Map 8.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building at 10965 Berry Road has historically been associated with Parcel 590 since its construction in the 1940s.

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11. Form Prepared By

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12. Property Owner

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name Kenneth M. Whyte  
street & number 10965 Berry Road telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Waldorf state MD zip code 20603-5906

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Whyte's 228 Market, formerly known as Ott's Market, is located at 10965 Berry Road. There is a paved parking lot at the front and the rear yard is enclosed with fencing. Constructed in the 1940s, the market is one-story in height and three bays in width. Set on a concrete foundation, the building was reclad in asbestos shingles. It is topped by an asphalt shingled, hipped roof from which a central interior chimney rises. The southeastern portion of the building is comprised of a 1970s addition that is used as residential space.

**EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:**

The façade or northeast elevation of the building is three bays in width. A single leaf, wood panel-and-light door leads to the market. The door is set in a vestibule with vertical board cladding and a shed roof. One-light fixed windows in box bays flank the entry. There is a one-story, one-bay addition with a front gable roof. This residential addition has a single leaf, wood panel-and-light door flanked by circular stained glass windows. Covering the entry is a one-story, one-bay porch with a half-hipped roof supported by square wood posts.

The northwest elevation is pierced by three one-light, aluminum, sliding windows along the upper portion of the wall. There is a one-story, one-bay shed roof addition with vertical board siding and a single leaf, wood flush door. This addition is utilized as storage space for the market.

The rear or southwest elevation contains a one-light sliding window, a paired 1/1 aluminum window, and a single leaf, panel-and-light door. The shed roof side addition contains a single leaf panel-and-light door at its rear. The 1970s gable roof addition also has a single leaf, panel-and-light door. The gable end is clad in vertical board wood siding.

The southeast elevation is comprised solely of the 1970s frame addition. It contains a three-sided window bay with 4/4 wood windows flanking a central multi-light window. This elevation is also pierced by three 1/1 aluminum windows and a single leaf entry.

An exterior end, shouldered brick chimney with a corbeled cap stands along this side of the building.

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**SUPPORTING BUILDINGS:**

There are four building to the rear of the market, including a single dwelling and three sheds. Constructed in the 1970s, the frame dwelling is two stories in height and seven bays wide. It is clad in vinyl siding and has a side gable asphalt shingle roof. It contains both 1/1 and 6/1 aluminum windows and a single leaf panel-and-light door. There is a one-story, three bay porch supported by square wood posts. The house has two side wings that are octagonal in shape.

The three sheds date from the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and are one story in height. Two of these shed are one bay in width and feature concrete block pier foundations, plywood cladding, and front gable asphalt shingle roofs. The third shed is two bays in width and features asbestos shingle cladding and a side gable asphalt shingle roof.



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Whyte's 228 Market, formerly known as Ott's Market, illustrates trends in commercial development that were occurring in Charles County during the second quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Automobiles and the expanding road and highway systems contributed to widespread commercial and residential development well beyond the rail corridors during the Modern Period. As development and population density increased in Charles County, new road networks were erected to ease the movement of goods and people. The extension of Crain Highway to the Potomac and the completion of the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge spanning the Potomac River bridge near Pope's Creek in 1940 served to link Charles and Prince George's Counties with transportation networks from Florida to New York. As a result, Crain Highway, and its successor, U.S. 301, became the main route for commercial truck transportation. There was also tremendous growth along U.S. 301 and secondary roads like Berry Road in the number of commercial establishments built to cater to the burgeoning tourist trade and to new residential development. These included motels, markets, fast food restaurants, shopping centers, and service stations. Architecturally, the building has no distinguishing features that would connect it to a stylistic movement.

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National Register Evaluation:

The market at 10965 Berry Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the building and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Not Recommended X

Comments:  
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Review, OPS: Defm Date: W/3/95

Reviewer, NR Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Modern Period (1930-present)

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

Architecture, Landscape, and  
Community Planning  
Economic

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** COMMERCE/TRADE/Specialty Store

**Known Design Source:** Unknown

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**Chain of Title:**

March 13, 1923: Robert A. and Maria W. Naylor to Charles H. Bauman, Trustee for Frederick S. Schwab  
Land Records for Charles County  
Liber 40 Folio 211

July 22, 1947: Walter J. Mitchell, Substitute Trustee for Frederick S. Schwab to Bruce F. and Angeline Martin  
Land Records for Charles County  
Liber 85 Folio 441

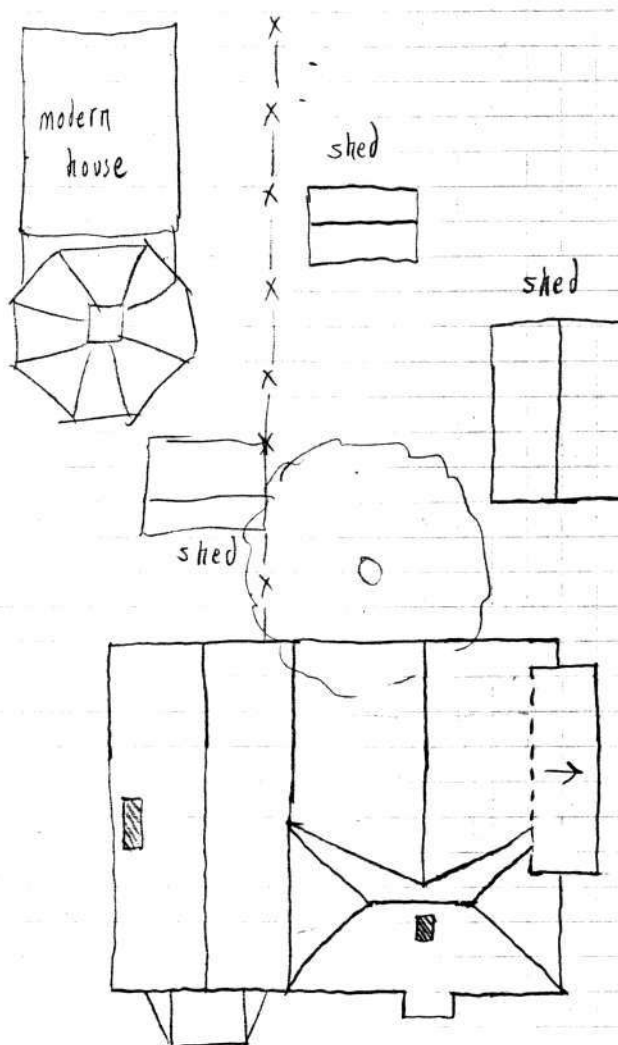
August 29, 1951: Bruce F. and Angeline Martin to Willard B. and Helen E. Ott  
Land Records for Charles County  
Liber 97 Folio 464

November 8, 1972: Willard B. Ott to Helen E. Ott  
Will Records for Charles County  
Liber 266 Folio 411

August 28, 1973: Helen E. Ott to Frank A. and Karen I. Whyte  
Land Records for Charles County  
Liber 304 Folio 43

May 1, 1991: Kenneth M. Whyte, Personal Representative of Karen I. Whyte to Kenneth M. Whyte  
Land Records for Charles County  
Liber 1548 Folio 405

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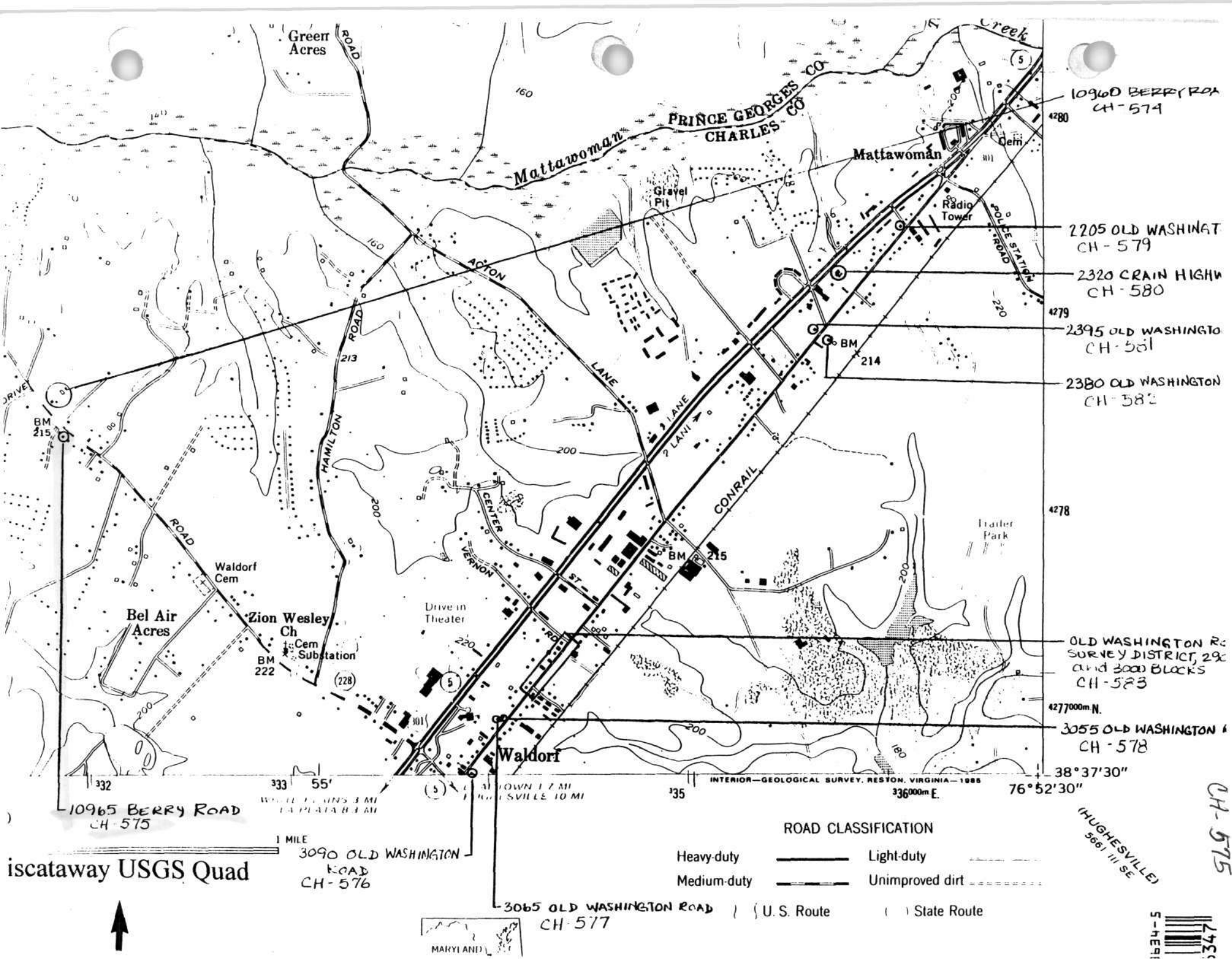
Berry Road

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Resource Sketch Map 1999  
Not Drawn to Scale







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10965 BERRY ROAD  
CHARLES COUNTY, MD  
TRACERIES  
JUNE 1999  
MD SHPO  
north corner  
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10945 BERRY ROAD  
CHARLES COUNTY, MD  
TRAILERIES  
JUNE 1999  
MD SHPD  
northwest elevation  
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OTT'S MARKET  
10965 BERRY ROAD  
CHARLES COUNTY, MD  
TRACERIES  
JUNE 1999  
MD SHPO

Southwest elevation

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10905 BERRY ROAD

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPD

east corner

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